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CAIRO DAMASCUS JERUSALEM MAY 16, 1977

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SUBJECT:CONVERSATION WITH HANNAH ZEMER

1. POLITICAL OFFICER MET WITH DAVAR EDITOR HANNAH ZEMER  
ON MAY 13, SHORTLY AFTER DAVAR HAD A BOMB  
SCARE. SHE CONNECTED THE THREAT WITH HER REFUSAL TO  
PRINT A LIKUD ELECTION AD THAT HINTED AT ALIGNMENT  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HELICOPTER DISASTER OF MAY 10.  
THE ALIGNMENT HAD RETALIATED (THE LIKUD AD DID APPEAR  
IN ANOTHER PAPER) BY CHARGING THAT BEGIN WAS OUT  
RAISING MONEY FOR HERUT'S TEL HAI FUND WHEN HE SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE KNESSET'S  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE.

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2. MRS. ZEMER THOUGHT THAT RECENT ISRAELI CONCERN  
OVER U.S. POLICIES WAS THE MAJOR FACTOR IN THE  
ALIGNMENT'S FALTERING CAMPAIGN. SHE HERSELF REMAINED  
VERY MUCH A FAN OF PRESIDENT CARTER. ASKED ABOUT  
THE EFFECT OF SECRETARY VANCE'S ASSURANCE FOLLOWING  
HIS MEETING WITH ALLON AND THE PRESIDENT'S STATE-

MENT ON THE U.S.-ISRAEL ARMS RELATIONSHIP,  
SHE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO BE CERTAIN  
BUT SHE BELIEVED THE STATEMENTS MIGHT  
WELL HELP THE ALIGNMENT AT THE POLLS.

3.ASKED WHOM SHE HAD SUPPORTED IN THE RABIN-  
PERES CONTEST,SHE SAID NEITHER AS SHE HAD  
BEEN UNIMPRESSED WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP  
QUALITIES. HER FAVORITE CANDIDATE FOR PRIME  
MINISTER WOULD HAVE BEEN JUSTICE MINISTER  
HAIM ZADOK. SHE THOUGHT PERES "VULNERABLE"  
AND BEMOANED THE ABSENCE OF REAL LEADERS IN  
ISRAEL.

4. SHE HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD TO THE CONVENTIONAL  
WISDOM ON POSSIBLE COALITION COMBINATIONS FOR  
THE NEXT GOVERNMENT,BUT SHE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY  
UPSET BY THE PROSPECT OF THE LIKUD IN THE  
GOVERNMENT.(IN ANOTHER CONTEXT SHE MADE THE  
SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY COMMENT THAT THE REASON  
SHE SUPPORTS THE ALIGNMENT WAS TO PREVENT THE  
LIKUD'S COMING TO POWER.) SHOULD ISRAEL BE  
REQUIRED TO MAKE PAINFUL CONCESSIONS, BEGIN'S  
IMPRIMATUR WOULD BE DESIRABLE--MAYBE EVEN  
NECESSARY. IN A PERIOD OF CRISIS WITH  
ISRAEL UNDER PRESSURE,BEGIN IN OPPOSITION  
COULD BE DANGEROUS.THE QUESTION MRS. ZEMER  
POSED WAS WHETHER BEGIN COULD BE COOPTED INTO  
TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A DIFFICULT  
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COMPROMISE BY SERVING IN A COALITION THAT HAD  
TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION. SHE DOUBTED IT. ON  
THE OTHER HAND, EVEN AS PRIME MINISTER IN A  
LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT,BEGIN WOULD GO TO  
GENEVA READY FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES.SHE  
DID NOT THINK HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ANNEX THE  
EST BANK.

6. HER OWN VOTE WILL GO TO THE POALEI AGUDAT  
YISRAEL, FOR WHOM SHE HAD VOTED WHENEVER IT RAN  
INDEPENDENT OF ITS TRADITIONAL PARTNER,  
AGUDAT YISRAEL.TO THE EMOFF'S EXPRESSION OF  
SURPRISE, SHE EXPLAINED THAT WHEREAS HER DAVAR  
EDITORIALS WERE POLITICAL ACTS, HER VOTE WAS  
AN ACT OF CONSCIENCE.IT REFLECTED HER BACK-  
GROUND AND SHE OWED IT TO HER PARENTS AND  
TEACHERS TO VOTE PAY.  
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